

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a sheet-shaped body in which a powder particle layer is sandwiched between a base sheet to which a bonding agent is applied and a covering sheet so as to be bonded into an integral body, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

shifting the base sheet being held on a receiving and transferring roller face;

transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet while shifting the powder particle layer held on a temporary receiving roller face;

~~shifting the base sheet, the powder particle layer and the covering sheet, with each of the sheets and the layer being held on the respective roller faces; and~~

~~bonding the base sheet, the powder particle layer and the covering sheet into an integral form, after the powder particle layer has been transferred onto the base sheet~~ while shifting the covering sheet in a held state on a contact-bond fixing roller face.

2. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, ~~further comprising the step of:~~ wherein

the process for transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet, ~~with~~
includes shifting the powder particle layer ~~being shifted~~ in ~~[[the]]~~ a same direction
as the base sheet.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for manufacturing the
sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, wherein

shifting speeds of the base sheet, the powder particle layer and the covering
sheet are set to the same or the shifting speed of the powder particle layer is made
slower.

4. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped
body according to claim 1, wherein

the process for transferring the powder particle layer ~~[[on]]~~ onto the base
sheet and the process for bonding the covering sheet are carried out on ~~[[the]]~~ a same
roller face.

5. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped
body according to claim 1, wherein

the powder particle layer is constituted by ~~a highly~~ an absorbent resin particle
layer.

6-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) A method for manufacturing a disposable absorbent article, wherein

the sheet-shaped body manufactured by the manufacturing method according to claim 5 is sandwiched between a liquid-permeable top sheet and a liquid-impermeable back sheet to be bonded into an integral form so that the disposable absorbent article is produced.

16. (New) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, wherein

a shifting speed of the powder particle layer is made slower than respective speeds of the base sheet and the covering sheet.

17. (New) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, wherein

the process for transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet and the process for bonding the covering sheet are carried out on the receiving and transferring roller face.

18. (New) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, further comprising:

supplying powder particles to a concave groove of the temporary receiving roller face to form the powder particle layer.

19. (New) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 18, wherein

the process for transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet includes sealing an opening of the concave groove with a guide member such that the resin particle layer is enclosed inside the concave groove.